

- (ii) Grant across the counter, i.e. scrutiny of application at the acceptance stage so as to avoid objections related to passport applications.
- (iii) State police authorities are requested from time to time to expedite issuance of Police Reports, which are required for issuing passports, and
- (iv) Simplification of the passport issuance procedures from time to time.

Number of diplomatic representations

1690. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that among the world's major nations, India's diplomatic representation abroad is restricted to 114 of the 192 member-States of the UN;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that recently a plan has been formulated to open 24 new missions, some in countries where there are already embassies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the present status of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) India has resident diplomatic representations in 115 member-States of the United Nations as on date. The list of such member-States is enclosed as Statement.

(c) and (d) It has been decided to open an Indian Embassy in Ljubljana (Slovenia) and Consulates General/Consulates in Phuentsholing (Bhutan), Songkhla (Thailand), Juba (Sudan), Guangzhou (China) and Karachi (Pakistan). No decision has been taken so far to open more Mission abroad.

Statement*Countries with resident Indian diplomatic representation*

Sl.No.	Countries	Sl.No.	Countries
1.	Afghanistan	26.	Cyprus
2.	Algeria	27.	Czech Republic
3.	Angola	28.	Democratic Republic of Congo
4.	Argentina	29.	Denmark
5.	Armenia	30.	Egypt
6.	Australia	31.	Ethiopia
7.	Austria	32.	Fiji
8.	Azerbaijan	33.	Finland
9.	Bahrain	34.	France
10.	Bangladesh	35.	Germany
11.	Belarus	36.	Ghana
12.	Belgium	37.	Greece
13.	Bhutan	38.	Guyana
14.	Botswana	39.	Hungary
15.	Brazil	40.	Indonesia
16.	Brunei Darussalam	41.	Iran
17.	Bulgaria	42.	Iraq
18.	Cambodia	43.	Ireland
19.	Canada	44.	Israel
20.	Chile	45.	Italy
21.	China	46.	Jamaica
22.	Colombia	47.	Japan
23.	Cote D'Ivoire	48.	Jordan
24.	Croatia	49.	Kazakhstan
25.	Cuba	50.	Kenya

Sl.No.	Countries	Sl.No.	Countries
51.	Korea (North)	84.	Saudi Arabia
52.	Korea (South)	85.	Senegal
53.	Kuwait	86.	Serbia & Montenegro
54.	Kyrgyzstan	87.	Seychelles
55.	Laos	88.	Singapore
56.	Lebanon	89.	Slovak Rep.
57.	Libya	90.	South Africa
58.	Madagascar	91.	Spain
59.	Malaysia	92.	Sri Lanka
60.	Maldives	93.	Sudan
61.	Mauritius	94.	Suriname
62.	Mexico	95.	Sweden
63.	Mongolia	96.	Switzerland
64.	Morocco	97.	Syria
65.	Mozambique	98.	Tajikistan
66.	Myanmar	99.	Tanzania
67.	Namibia	100.	Thailand
68.	Nepal	101.	Trinidad & Tobago
69.	Netherlands	102.	Tunisia
70.	New Zealand	103.	Turkey
71.	Nigeria	104.	Turkmenistan
72.	Norway	105.	U.A.E.
73.	Oman	106.	U.K.
74.	Pakistan	107.	U.S.A.
75.	Panama	108.	Uganda
76.	Papua New Guinea	109.	Ukraine
77.	Peru	110.	Uzbekistan
78.	Philippines	111.	Venezuela
79.	Poland	112.	Vietnam
80.	Portugal	113.	Yemen
81.	Qatar	114.	Zambia
82.	Romania	115.	Zimbabwe
83.	Russian Fed.		